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Anne C. Conway

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
 Education: John Carroll 1972 BA; Florida 1975 JD
 Began Service: 1992
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable John A. Reed, Jr., United States
 District Court for the Middle District of Florida (1975-1977)

Legal Practice: Young, Turnbull & Linscott (1978); Wells, Gattis, Hollows
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Elizabeth A. Kovachevich
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1936
 Education: Miami 1958 BBA; Stetson 1961 JD
 Began Service: 1982
 Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Judicial: Secretary, St. Petersburg Bar Association (1969); Member, Board
 of Regents, Florida (1970-1972); Circuit Judge, Florida Circuit Court,
 Sixth Judicial Circuit (1973-1982); Judicial Member and Co-Chairman, St.
 Petersburg Bar Association (1978-1982); Chief Judge, United States
 District Court for the Middle District of Florida (1996-2002)

Legal Practice: Associate, DiVito & Speer (1961-1962); Private Practice
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Current Memberships: The Florida Bar

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District Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
 Education: Florida 1972 BA, 1975 JD
 Began Service: March 16, 1992
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Legal Practice: Attorney, Holland & Knight LLP (1975-1983); Partner,
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Richard Alan Lazzara
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
 Education: Loyola U (New Orleans) 1967 BA; Florida 1970 JD
 Began Service: November 1, 1997
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Assistant County Solicitor, County of Hillsborough, Florida
 (1970-1972); Assistant State Attorney, County of Hillsborough, Florida
 (1973)

Judicial: County Judge, Florida County Court, Hillsborough County
 Court (1987); Judge, Florida Circuit Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit
 (1988-1993); Judge, Florida Court of Appeal, Second District (1993-1997)

Legal Practice: Associate Attorney, Freedman & Hirsch, PA. (1973-1975);
 Sole Practitioner, Law Offices of Richard A. Lazzara (1975-1986)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; The C.H.
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James D. Whittemore
District Judge

Education: Florida 1974 BS; Stetson 1977 JD
 Began Service: May 27, 2000
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Assistant Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal
 Public Defender (1978-1981)

Judicial: Circuit Judge, 13th Judicial Circuit Court, County of Hillsborough,
 Florida (1990-2000)

Legal Practice: Law Clerk and Associate, Bauer, Morlan & Wells, PA
 (1977); Associate, Whittemore & Seybold, PA (1981-1982); Associate,
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**John Antoon II**
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
 Education: Florida Southern 1968 BA;
 Florida State 1971 JD; Florida Tech 1993 MS;
 Virginia 2001 LLM
 Began Service: June 2, 2000
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Prosecutor, City of Cocoa, Florida (1971-1972); Part-time
 Assistant Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, State of Florida
 (1972-1976)

Judicial: Circuit Judge, Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, Florida (1985-1995);
 Judge, Fifth District Court of Appeal, Florida (1995-2000)

Legal Practice: Associate, Gleason, Walker, Pearson, and Shreve (1971);
 Partner, Shreve, Antoon, and Clifton (1972-1974); Partner, Antoon and
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John E. Steele
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
 Education: Detroit 1971 BA, 1973 JD
 Began Service: July 28, 2000
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Wayne County, State of
 Michigan (1974-1977); Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Ingham County,
 State of Michigan (1977-1980); Assistant United States Attorney, Western
 District of Michigan, United States Department of Justice (1980-1981);
 Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Florida, United States
 Department of Justice (1981-1988)

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Middle
 District of Florida (1991-2000)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Mahoney, Adams & Criser, P.A. (1988-1991)

Current Memberships: Federal Bar Association; The Florida Bar; State
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